

Executive Summary

North Carolina and South Carolina joined forces to create the Carolinas Chapter of ABPA. The merger took place in early 1996 in an effort to promote public health and safety, educate citizens about the real threat of cross connections, and to offer training to a new sector of backflow assembly testers. The first conference meeting of the newly formed alliance was held in Rock Hill, SC on September 12, 1996.

The Carolinas Chapter is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of backflow practitioners and educational partners. We are now in our 22 year. Our Chapter continues to seek adventurous methods to keep our chapter alive and vibrant.

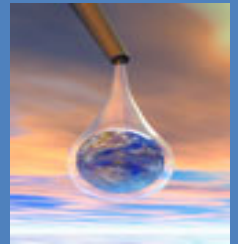
In April of 2017, the Carolinas Chapter held (2) Backflow Assembly Repair Workshops in Columbia SC, and Huntersville NC. These (2) repair workshops allowed the Chapter to educate those local testers and plumbers on the need of proper backflow assembly repair. The workshops were put on by Mr. Mark Inman with American Backflow Products. American Backflow Products has supported the Carolinas Chapter for more than 20 years now. What an awesome company that is always willing to give back to the backflow industry. Both locations were attended by 35-40 students and they were all given a backflow manual.

In September of 2017 the Carolinas Chapter held its 21st annual backflow conference in Concord, NC. Many backflow prevention topics were cover by the following speakers; Mr. Steve Fox with Hydrocorp, Mr. Todd Havican with Conbraco Industries, Mr. Mac Merritt with North Carolina Rural Water Association, Mr. Nathan Gillespie with Speciality Valve & Controls, Mr. Bob Buddo with Lewis Marketing, and the Carolinas Chapter Board & Officers round table forum. There were about 75 in attendance for this annual conference.

The Carolinas Chapter continues to host a local website for members to receive up to date information about the on goings of North & South Carolina in the backflow industry.

The Carolinas Chapter must continue its efforts of outreach and education in order to encourage behavioral change within our regulated community, foster sustainable environmental protection, and promote safe drinking water. There is no Stateline or regional boundaries that would hinder the Carolinas Chapter from continuing to grow and work together to promote safe drinking water.

“State borders or regional boundaries don't protect rivers and stream, nor assure safe drinking water –we the people do.” — (Brian Morrison, Carolinas Chapter President)



**We never
know the
worth of
water till
the well is
dry.**

~Thomas
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